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SUBJ: SIRIO

REFUR TELEPHONE REQUEST TO NASA RE STATUS OF SIRIO LAUNCHING  
ARRANGEMENTS, NASA ADVISES FOLLOWING:

1. IN RESPONSE FAEDO TELEX, NASA INDICATED ON FEBRUARY 9  
ACCEPTANCE OF DEC 74/ JAN 75 TIME FRAME FOR LAUNCHING PROVIDED  
PROGRESS PAYMENT RECEIVED BY END FEB. IN ITS ABSENCE, NASA  
INITIATING NO EFFORTS ON VEHICLE FOR SIRIO AND POTENTIAL  
LAUNCHING DATE WILL SLIP COMMENSURATELY WITH CNR DELAY.

2. NASA WILLING TO ACCEPT PROGRESS PAYMENT OF DOLS 2.5 MILLION  
PLUS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS COMMITTING BOTH SIDES TO PROJECT  
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IN ADVANCE OF FORMAL CONTRACT SIGNING WHICH MAY TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO NEGOTIATE.

3. ABILITY OF NASA TO PROVIDE VEHICLE FROM CURRENT INVENTORY BECOMING INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AS FUNDED ORDERS RECEIVED FROM OTHER POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS.

4. FAEDO AND TRELLA WERE BRIEFED FULLY ON FUNDING AND CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING NORMAL TWO YEAR LEAD TIME FROM CONTRACT SIGNATURE TO LAUNCHING, DURING THEIR VISIT AT TIME OF APOLLO 17 LAUNCHING LAST DECEMBER.

5. COPIES OF TELEX RE 74/75 LAUNCH DATE AND NASA LETTER FOLLOW- UP TO DECEMBER MEETING HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO YOU.

6. NEXT MOVE UP TO CNR. DO NOT BELIEVE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED AT THIS TIME EXCEPT TO POINT OUT IF SUBJECT ARISES NEED FOR PROMPT CNR ACTION IN ACCORDANCE PARA 1 ABOVE TO AVOID FURTHER SLIPPAGES IN LAUNCH DATE. ROGERS

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